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*accel world 01: kuroyukihime's return*

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*hima*



## *characters*

■ Kuroyukihime = Umesata Junior High School student council vice president. Trim and clever girl who has it all. Her in-school avatar is a spangled butterfly that she programmed herself.

■ Haruyuki = Haruyuki Arita. Grade Seven at Umesata Junior High School. Bullied, on the pudgy side. He's good at games, but shy. His in-school avatar is a pink pig.

■ Chiyuri = Chiyuri Kurashima. Haruyuki's childhood friend. Meddling, energetic girl. Her in-school avatar is a silver cat.

■ Takumu = Takumu Mayuzumi. A boy Haruyuki and Chiyuri have known since childhood. He currently attends a different school from Haruyuki and Chiyuri. Beautiful boy who belongs to the kenda team.

## *key words*

■ Neuralinker = Portable terminal that connects with the brain via a wireless quantum connection and supports all five senses with images, sounds, and other stimuli.

■ Brain Burst = Neuralinker application sent to Haruyuki by Kuroyukihime.

■ In-school local net = Local area network established within Umesata Junior High School. Used during classes and to check attendance. Umesata students are required to always be connected to it.

■ Global connection = Connection with the worldwide net. Global connections are forbidden on Umesata Junior High School grounds, where the in-school local net is provided instead.



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# CHAPTER

#05





HOW?

TOBO  
(TRUDGE)

TOBO  
TOBO

— WHY?



...I HAVE TO  
APOLOGIZE  
TO CHIYU  
ABOUT  
THE OTHER  
DAY.....

FIRST AND  
FOREMOST...



...I JUST  
WANT TO...

...GIVE  
UP ON  
EVERY-  
THING  
AND GO  
HOME...

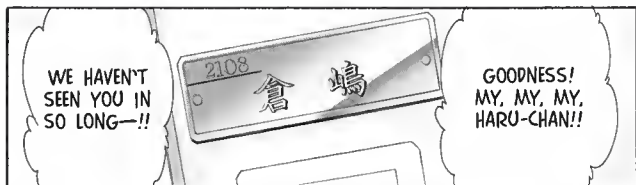


I'LL DIRECT  
WITH HER AND  
SEE!!

THAT SHOULD  
SATISFY YOU,  
RIGHT!?

WHY  
DID I GO  
AND SAY  
THAT...!?

H HAA



NAMEPLATE: KURASHIMA





KII  
(KREE)

キイ  
...

AND  
CHIYU'S  
ROOM...

...EVERY  
DAY WITH  
TAKU,  
SHOUTING  
"I'M  
HOME."

IN ELE-  
MENTARY  
SCHOOL,  
I USED  
TO RUN  
INTO THIS  
HOUSE...

KYORO  
(TURN)

キヨロ

IT'S  
BEEN SO  
LONG...



ワハ  
PATAN  
(CLANG)

UH,  
RIGHT...

WAH...  
DON'T  
BE SO  
NERVOUS  
...



I...  
CALLED YOU  
A MILLION  
TIMES  
YESTERDAY.

HUH...?

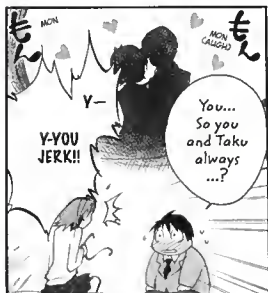
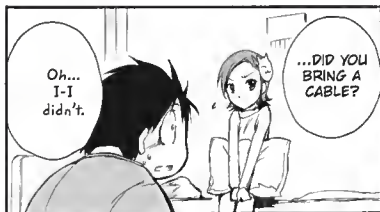


.....  
COME IN.













I came because I have to apologize for the past couple of days.

Uh... I...

...I'VE BEEN PUSHING SOMETHING DOWN FOR A LONG TIME...

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO SAY...? I FEEL LIKE...

AFTER THIS, IT'S THE INSIDE OF CHIYU'S NEURO-LINKER...

I'M SORRY, CHIYU.

I'm... I'm really sorry...

...of making me...

I...ruined that lunch you went to the trouble...

...CHIYU'S NOT CYAN PILE.

THANK GOD...

But I was just kinda shocked...

...my stuff at school... I mean...

...that you've been talking to Taku about...

— Haru.

You're misunderstanding.

I just couldn't handle it.

THE BRAIN BURST APPLICATION FILE...

...ISN'T HERE.



How could I?  
...I promised  
you I'd stay  
quiet about  
it.

I didn't say  
anything to  
Takkun.



...since  
you  
shared  
this  
much  
about  
yourself,  
Haru...

How  
many  
years  
has it  
been...

HA..



What...

...was  
that I was  
talking about  
maybe making  
a lunch for you  
too at his kendo  
tournament  
that time.

All  
Takkun  
knew about  
the sand-  
wiches  
...



...I  
could've told  
the teacher, I  
could've written  
to the student  
council...  
there are so  
many things  
I could've  
done.

The truth  
is, if I'd  
wanted  
to...



—But.

I thought  
you would  
get mad  
at me and  
hate me...

But I  
couldn't.



I'm a  
coward.

I'm...  
terrible  
too.

For a long  
time, things  
have been so  
terrible for you,  
but the only  
thing I did was  
pretend I  
didn't see,  
even though  
I did.



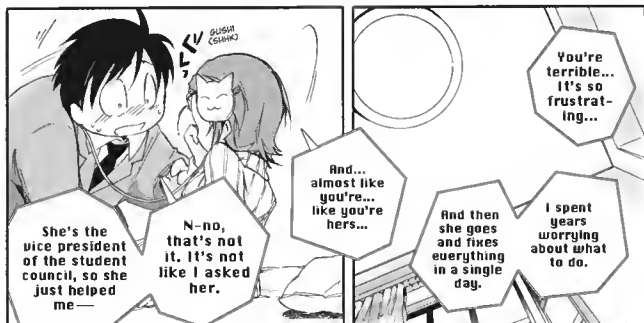


—So why!?

You tell me not to do anything, and then you go fawning all over her and getting her to help you!?

Why are you leaning on her now!?

Th- That's—



You're terrible... It's so frustrating...

And... almost like you're... like you're hers...

And then she goes and fixes everything in a single day.

I spent years worrying about what to do.

She's the vice president of the student council, so she just helped me—

N-no, that's not it. It's not like I asked her.






No...  
It's not  
like  
that!

Haru...why  
are you all small  
behind her,  
like you're her  
servant...!?

...parading  
you around  
like her  
pet!?

Then  
why is  
she...



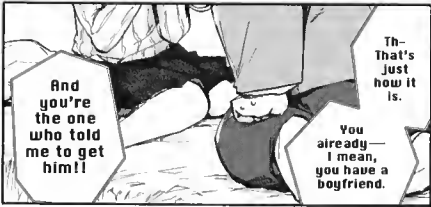
And I  
mean,  
you  
never  
come  
over  
anymore.

You  
never walk  
home with me,  
you give me this  
annoyed look  
whenever I  
talk to you  
at school.

Ever since  
we started  
junior high,  
you've been  
so cold,  
Haru.



I mean,  
I...I don't  
hate it  
or any-  
thing—



And  
you're  
the one  
who told  
me to get  
him!!

Th-  
That's  
just  
how it  
is.

You  
already—  
I mean,  
you have a  
boyfriend.

Well,  
I do!!



Was that  
a lie...!?

You're the  
one who  
said that  
that way,  
you and  
me and  
Takkun...

...could  
always be  
together!!



Haru  
...?



But...  
Taku gets  
cooler and  
cooler,  
and...

You...  
You're  
cute.

Back  
then, it  
didn't  
bother  
me!!

Being  
with you  
and Taku,  
walking  
together  
with you  
guys!!



It  
wasn't  
a lie! It  
wasn't a  
lie, but...

...We  
can't be  
little kids  
forever!!



It's  
too  
hard!

And  
then  
there's  
me like  
this...!

The way  
it used  
to be...  
I can't  
anymore.



PORO  
(PLOP)

170  
3  
...

DO YOU  
REALLY...

...THINK  
THAT?

AH...

Why do  
you hate  
yourself  
so much?

You  
always  
just decide  
things  
and hurt  
yourself  
like this.

...by  
how  
they  
look?

Do you  
really  
think  
someone's  
value is  
totally  
dictated  
...



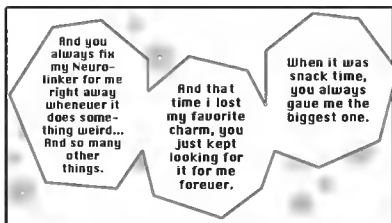
There isn't  
a single thing  
about me a  
person could  
like...!!

I'm fat,  
I sweat  
all the  
time, I'm  
spineless  
...



Of  
course...

Of course  
I hate  
myself...!!



I thought  
maybe...  
you were  
hers then.

To be  
honest...  
when I  
saw you  
guys at  
the gates  
before...



WHAAAT  
...!?

I  
guess  
it's  
impos-  
sible  
now, huh?

You're  
already  
some-  
where  
I can't  
reach...

Everything  
changes,  
you can't  
stop  
people's  
feelings.

And I  
hated  
it.

Ch-  
Chiyu...

...has the  
power to  
change  
you...

But if  
she...

IS THERE  
A LOT OF  
TRAFFIC  
GOING  
THROUGH  
OR...?

HUH. THE  
REACTION  
TIME'S  
SLOW...

AAH...  
DID I ACCI-  
DENTALLY  
TOUCH  
SOME-  
THING...?

!!

I'VE SEEN  
ENOUGH TO  
CLEAR YOUR  
NAME, SO I'LL  
JUST GET  
OUT OF YOUR  
NEUROLINKER...

SORRY,  
CHIYU.  
PEEKING IN LIKE  
THIS.

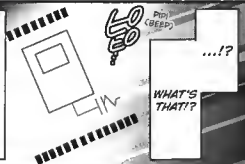
WAIT.



WHY  
WOULD  
THERE BE  
A LAG!?

ME AND  
CHIYU ARE  
CONNECTED  
DIRECTLY  
WITH A  
HIGH-  
QUALITY,  
EXTREMELY  
SHORT  
CABLE.

A LARGE  
QUAN-  
TITY OF  
PACKETS  
ON THE  
GLOBAL  
NET...!?



WHAT'S  
THAT!?

...CONNECTED  
TO THREE  
ROUTES:  
"DIRECT",  
"HOME NET",  
AND "GLOBAL  
NET".



RIGHT  
NOW,  
CHIYU'S  
NEURO-  
LINKER  
IS...

...A LARGE  
AMOUNT OF  
UNKNOWN  
TRANSMISSION DATA IS  
COMING—

THIS  
IS...

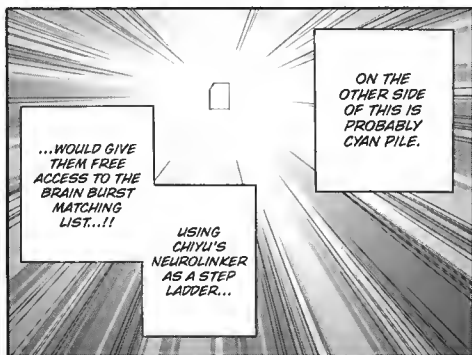
IT'S A  
BACK  
DOOR...!!

FROM  
THIS  
PRO-  
GRAM  
WAY  
DOWN  
DEEP...

AND  
THEY'RE  
STEALING  
HER...  
AUDIOVISUAL  
INFORMATION!!

CHIYU'S  
LINKER'S  
BEEN  
HACKED!!

THAT  
BASTARD  
...!!











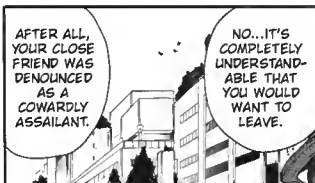
...WHEN? **WHAT!?**

WHERE?

HUH? R-RIGHT  
AFTER THAT...

A-AT HER  
HOUSE.

WHERE  
IN THIS  
HOUSE?



AFTER ALL,  
YOUR CLOSE  
FRIEND WAS  
DENOUNCED  
AS A  
COWARDLY  
ASSAILANT.

NO...IT'S  
COMPLETELY  
UNDERSTAND-  
ABLE THAT  
YOU WOULD  
WANT TO  
LEAVE.



HUH?  
I DID,  
THOUGH...  
DIRECT.

AND ON  
TOP OF THAT,  
I MAKE YOU  
SAY THERE'S  
NO WAY  
YOU COULD  
DIRECT...



.....  
I  
SEE..

OH...UH...  
IT WAS IN HER  
BEDROOM...



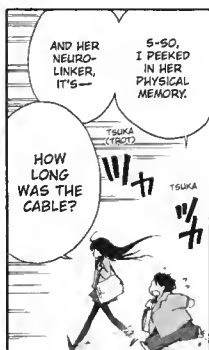
.....MM.

Th...irty  
centi-  
meters...



AH...  
WAIT  
UP...

SENPA—

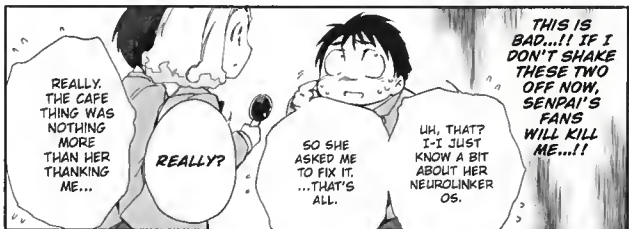
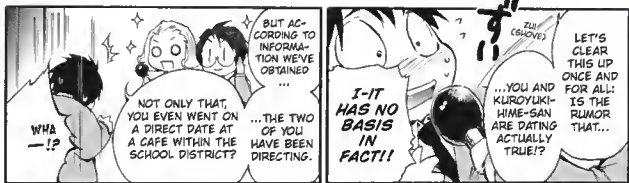


AND HER  
NEURO-  
LINKER,  
IT'S—

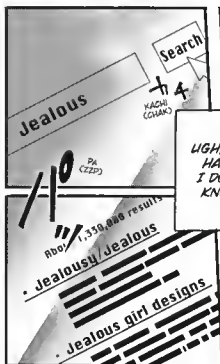
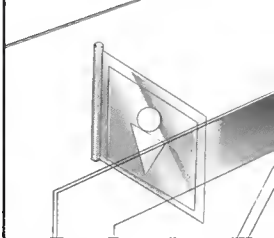
S-SO,  
I PEEKED  
IN HER  
PHYSICAL  
MEMORY.

HOW  
LONG  
WAS THE  
CABLE?













—NO WAY!!



DON'T  
HOPE.

YOU'LL JUST  
END UP  
SQUIRMING  
WITH DOUBLE,  
NO, TRIPLE  
THE REGRET  
LATER....!!

FAT,  
SWEATY ME  
AND THAT  
PERFECT  
GIRL...  
THERE'S  
NO WAY..

I CAN'T...  
I CAN'T  
LET  
MYSELF  
BELIEVE  
THAT



IT  
CAN'T  
BE...

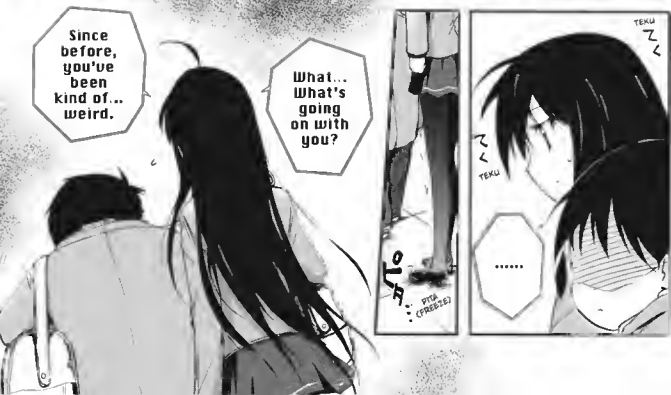
FOR  
SURE  
...

IT'S  
DEFINITELY  
NOT LIKE  
THAT.

THEY'RE  
WRONG...  
THEY'RE  
JUST  
WRONG.









Don't we have more important things to talk about?

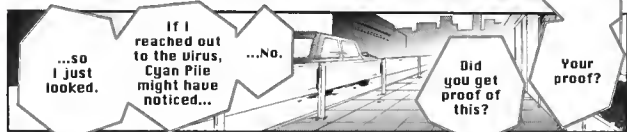


As if I could be angry with you...

As if.

...Are you maybe mad?

Because of this morning. And yesterday...



...so I just looked.

If I reached out to the virus, Cyan Pile might have noticed...

...No.

Did you get proof of this?

Your proof?



You're leaping to conclusions.

...I'm not saying that.



Are you trying to say I've gone over to Cyan Pile's side?

So you're saying I made it up...



...I see.

How exactly am I supposed to believe this story?

A calm decision, but at the same time, not very persuasive.



How could you say such a thing...?



...Let's  
just  
forget  
it.

Wh-  
what...?

Ah...?

to  
PINK  
GIRL

It's  
just  
sad.

Watching  
this is  
hard too.

...HATE  
YOUR-  
SELF,  
DON'T  
YOU?

YOU...  
YOU...



You  
don't  
need to  
do all  
that.

I'll still  
do what  
you want...  
I don't want  
anything  
else.

Talking  
to me,  
a fat,  
clumsy  
loser...

Touching  
me...  
showing me  
something  
like good  
will, it's just  
you trying  
to dirty  
yourself.



You...  
hate  
yourself,  
the you  
who's too  
perfect  
in every  
single  
way.

Which  
is why  
you're  
trying  
to lower  
yourself.



...you  
should know  
exactly  
what the  
proper way  
to handle  
me is!!

I'm  
just a  
sacri-  
ficial  
pawn...  
...a tool  
to be  
ordered  
around.

A guy  
like  
me...



NOW  
SHE'LL  
...



...PULL  
AWAY  
FROM  
ME—



—THIS  
IS HOW  
IT HAS  
TO BE.









BURST

LINK



WH...

WHA...  
WHAT...



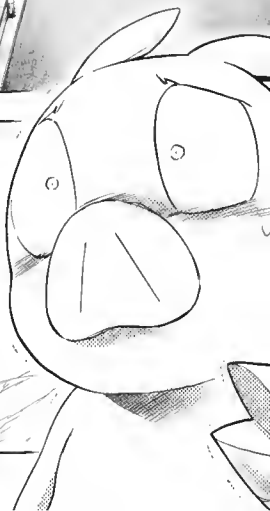
IT'S NOT  
POSSIBLE  
...!?



WHAT  
IS  
GOING  
ON...

...AND  
CHARGING  
UP ONTO THE  
SIDEWALK...

A CAR  
BREAKING  
FREE  
FROM THE  
CONTROL  
AI...





ARAYA  
....!?

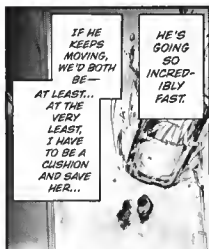


HE  
...BAILED  
OUT THIS  
MORNING.  
HE WAS...



.....  
KUROYUKI-  
HIME-  
SENPAI...





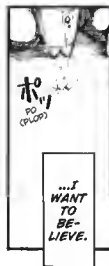




I...

...HARU-  
YUKI-  
KUN.

...LIKE  
YOU.



ホ  
ド  
(SHOD)

...I  
WANT  
TO  
BE-  
LIEVE.



IT'S A  
MIRACLE...

SO  
THIS IS  
LOVE...  
IT'S WON-  
DER-  
FUL.



...I'M  
ALWAYS  
THINKING  
OF YOU...

AT  
SCHOOL,  
AT HOME  
IN BED...



THIS IS  
THE FIRST  
TIME IN MY  
LIFE I'VE  
FELT LIKE  
THIS.

UNABLE TO  
CONTROL  
IT, TOTALLY  
CONFUSED...





...BEAT  
THE  
OTHER  
LEVELS.

YOU'LL  
DEFEAT  
THE  
KINGS...

YOU'LL  
GET TO  
THE  
SOURCE  
OF BRAIN  
BURST.

— THEN  
YOU'LL  
KNOW.

THE  
ULTIMATE  
POTENTIAL  
HIDDEN...

...IN OUR  
BRAINS  
AND  
SOULS—

LISTEN,  
HARUYUKI-  
KUN.

YOU CAN  
BECOME  
FASTER  
THAN  
ANYONE  
ELSE.

FASTER  
EVEN THAN  
ME, FASTER  
THAN THE  
OTHER  
KINGS.

YOU'RE...

...FAST.

AND SPEED  
IS A BURST  
LINKER'S  
GREATEST  
STRENGTH.

...AS THE  
FASTEST  
LINKER IN THE  
ACCELERATED  
WORLD.

ONE DAY,  
YOUR NAME  
WILL BE  
KNOWN FAR  
AND WIDE...



!?

WH-WHAT  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
DO?

SO...  
IT'S ABOUT  
TIME TO  
SAY GOOD-  
BYE.



PLEASE.  
BECOME  
STRONG.

I DON'T—  
GOOD-BYE,  
IT'S NOT...!!



...AND  
BECOME  
FAST.

CLIMB TO  
THE TOP AND  
SEE FOR  
ME WHAT I  
WANTED TO  
SEE.

DEFEAT  
THE KINGS  
ON MY BEHALF.



—ME...

IN MY  
HEART I  
SHOUTED  
THAT...

...I  
FINALLY  
FOUND THE  
TRUE KING  
TO ACCEL-  
ERATE...

...  
AGAINST A  
STAGNANT  
WORLD....

...FASTER  
THAN ANY-  
ONE...?



PLEASE  
DON'T  
LEAVE  
ME...

I-I STILL  
HAVEN'T...  
FOR YOU...  
I—

AND IF  
I CAN'T...  
WE'LL  
BOTH GO  
TOGETHER!

I'LL  
PROTECT  
YOU!

YOU CAN'T  
BE THE ONLY  
ONE TO GO!!

...NO!!



...MEET  
AGAIN.....

—WE'LL  
DEFINITE-  
LY...



**PHYSICAL  
FULL  
BURST!!**

PANNA  
CHINMO



SENPAI  
.....!!



H-HER  
REAL  
BODY IS—

WHAT  
...!?

GU  
(GAF)

GU

GU

ENOUGH SO  
THAT I CAN  
SEE IT EVEN  
IN THIS  
ACCELERATED  
SPACE...

HER  
BODY IS  
MOVING  
LITTLE  
BY  
LITTLE!!





SHE'S  
MOVING  
AT SUPER  
SPEED—!!

EVEN HER  
BODY IS  
OVER-  
CLOCKED  
NOW...



SO  
THEN  
BRAIN  
BURST  
...

...ISN'T  
JUST TO  
ACCELERATE  
YOUR  
BRAIN, YOUR  
CONSCIOUS-  
NESS!?



THERE'S...  
THERE'S  
NO WAY...

...A BODY  
CAN COME  
OUT OF  
THIS  
OKAY!!









**KURO-  
YUKIHIME-  
SENPAI....!!**



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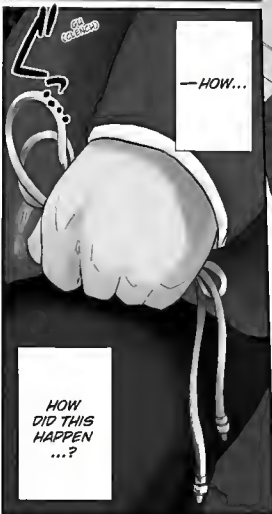




CHAPTER  
#06



SIGN: SURGERY IN PROGRESS





IF I HAD  
JUST  
TRUSTED...

...THE  
HAND  
SHE  
OFFERED  
ME...

...THE  
FEELINGS  
SHE HAD  
FOR ME...

IF WE  
HADN'T HAD  
A QUARREL  
LIKE THAT  
ON THE  
ROAD...

...WOULD  
NEVER  
HAVE  
HAPPENED  
—

...THIS  
THING  
I CAN  
NEVER  
TAKE  
BACK...

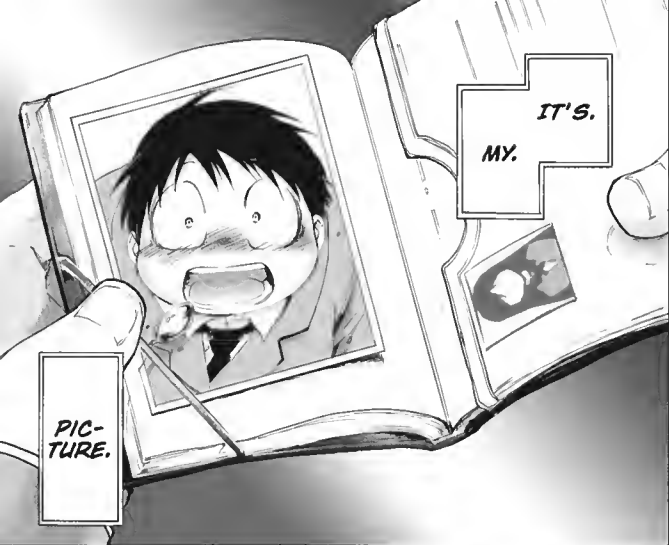


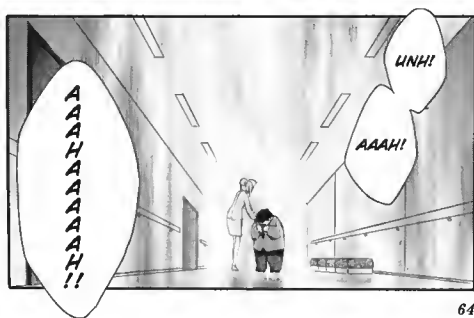


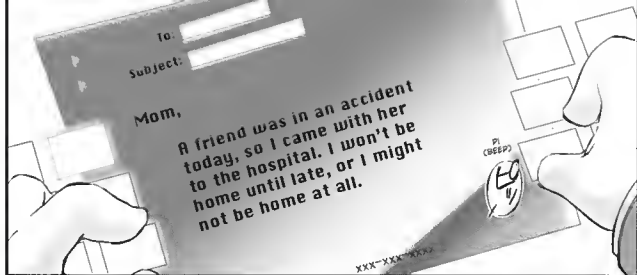
NOTEBOOK: STUDENT AGENDA













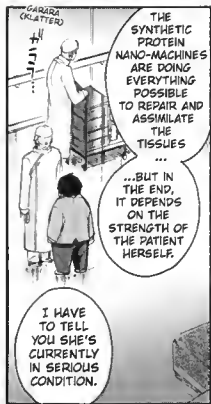
...SHE'S NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET.

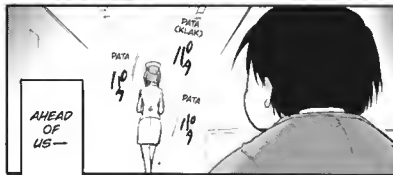
WE FINISHED THE SURGERY WITHOUT INCIDENT.



THE NEXT  
TWELVE  
HOURS WILL  
BE CRUCIAL.

PLEASE  
KEEP THAT  
IN MIND.







EVERY-  
THING'S  
STILL  
AHEAD  
OF US  
....!!

WE  
REALLY  
DO.  
EVERY-  
THING...



...AND  
GET TO  
THE PLACE  
SHE'S  
AIMING  
FOR.....

...DESTROY  
THE  
KINGS'  
LEGIONS  
ONE BY  
ONE...

WE'RE  
GOING TO  
DEFEAT  
CYAN  
PILE...



JUST THIS  
ONCE NOW,  
SPECIALLY  
FOR YOU.

BUT  
YOU CAN  
SEE VIDEO  
OF HER AT  
LEAST.



A FEED  
FROM  
THE IN-  
HOSPITAL  
NET.

THIS IS  
THE LOCAL  
NET FOR  
JUST THIS  
HOSPITAL.

BUT I'M  
DISCONNECTED  
FROM THE  
GLOBAL NET.

HLH...?



I'LL BE  
WITH HER  
EVERY  
STEP  
OF THE  
WAY...!!

TH-THANK  
YOU...  
UM...

NOT  
RIGHT  
NOW.

THE  
MICRO  
MACHINE  
OPERATION  
ROOM HAS  
AN AIR  
SEAL.

WHEN  
CAN I SEE  
HER...?



...ARE  
BATTLING  
HER  
SEVERE  
INJURIES.

...COUNT-  
LESS NANO-  
MACHINES  
AND HER  
OWN WILL  
TO LIVE...

RIGHT  
NOW,  
INSIDE  
THAT  
SLENDER  
BODY...



Senpai...



O-OH,  
LIM,  
EXCUSE  
ME!



OKAY.  
THANK  
YOU...

I'LL  
COME LET  
YOU KNOW  
IF ANYTHING  
CHANGES...  
YOU JUST TRY  
AND GET A  
LITTLE REST.

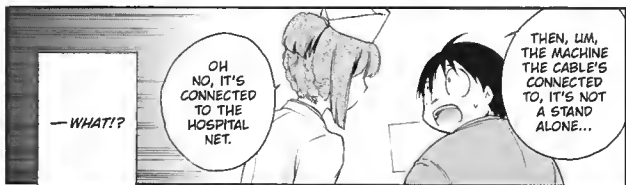
WE'RE  
MONITOR-  
ING HER  
CONDITION  
VERY  
CLOSELY.

HLIH  
...?



I CAN'T  
DO ANY-  
THING  
TO HELP  
HER...  
NOTHING  
BUT  
PRAY...

DON'T  
WORRY...  
I'M SURE  
SHE'LL  
MAKE IT.





BASH!  
CRACK!

BURST  
LINK.

BRAIN  
BURST  
ALONE...!!

BUT  
THIS...  
IS NOT  
NORMAL.

IT CAN  
SNEAK INTO  
THE SOCIAL  
CAMERA NET  
AND STEAL  
IMAGES IN  
REAL TIME  
WITH ZERO  
TROUBLE...

...AND  
THAT NET'S  
SUPPOSED  
TO HAVE THE  
NATION'S  
STRONGEST  
WALLS.

Brain Burst  
main menu  
ON

Matching  
list  
OPEN

PIPI  
CBEEP?

PIPI  
CBEEP?

PIPI  
CBEEP?

PIPI  
CBEEP?

PIPI  
CBEEP?

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CBEEP?

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PIPI  
CBEEP?

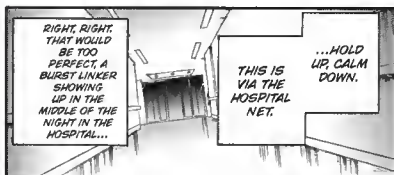
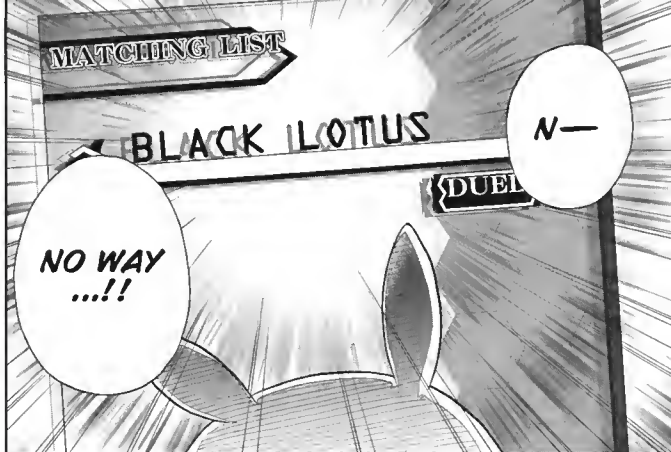
PIPI  
CBEEP?

PIPI  
CBEEP?

MYUN  
CWIN?

PI  
CZIP?

!!



...AND  
EVEN WHICH  
HOSPITAL  
SHE'S IN...?

...BLACK  
LOTUS—  
THE BIGGEST  
BOUNTY  
IN THE  
ACCELERATED  
WORLD—IS  
IN CRITICAL  
CONDITION...

WHAT IF  
THERE'S  
SOME  
BURST  
LINKER...  
...  
WHO'S  
ABLE  
TO FIND  
OUT  
THAT...

JUST ONE  
PERSON...

—THERE  
IS...!!

...ONE  
ENEMY LIKE  
THAT...!!

**CYAN  
PILE...!!**

WATCHING LIST

BLACK LOTUS



SINCE THE HOSPITAL GOT IN TOUCH WITH HER FAMILY THROUGH THE SCHOOL...

...IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE PEOPLE FIND OUT WHICH HOSPITAL.

THE FACT THAT THE MOST POPULAR PERSON IN SCHOOL "KUROYUKIHIME" IS SERIOUSLY INJURED...

...SHOULD ALREADY BE KNOWN TO A LOT OF STUDENTS THROUGH THE IN-SCHOOL SOCIAL NETWORK AND THINGS.

SO IT WOULDN'T BE WEIRD AT ALL IF...

...HE—  
CYAN PILE  
WAS TO COME  
RUNNING...!!

...BLACK LOTUS IS ON THE VERGE OF BEING WIPED OUT...

...NINETY-NINE PERCENT OF YOUR BURST POINTS.

AND IT NEEDS A LARGE AMOUNT...

AND WITH THE PHYSICAL FULL BURST SHE USED...

...HER POINTS WILL PROBABLY DROP TO ZERO... AND HER BRAIN BURST WOULD FORCEFULLY UNINSTALL...

...THE MUCH LOWER-RANKING CYAN PILE...

IF SHE LOSES EVEN ONCE TO...



I WON'T  
LET THEM  
TAKE IT  
FROM YOU.

**—BURST  
OUT.**

BAKU  
GODDARD

I'LL PRO-  
TECT YOU,  
SENPAI...!!

.....  
I WON'T  
LET THAT  
HAPPEN.



I'LL DEFEAT  
HIM INSTEAD...  
I'LL CHASE HIM  
INTO UNINSTAL-  
LATION...!!

CYAN PILE'S  
ON THE  
VERGE OF  
RUNNING OUT  
OF POINTS  
TOO...SO...







...I'LL  
HAVE TO  
ACCELERATE  
WITHOUT  
HESITATING  
AND CHECK  
THE  
MATCHING  
LIST...!!

I DON'T  
REMEMBER  
THE  
FACES OF  
EVERYONE  
AT UMESATO  
JUNIOR  
HIGH...

IF ANYONE  
THE SAME  
AGE AS US  
SHOWS UP  
AT THE  
ENTRANCE...



IT'S  
BEEN TEN  
HOURS  
SINCE  
THEN...

THE NEXT  
TWELVE  
HOURS WILL  
BE CRUCIAL.



HUR-  
RY—

HURRY AND  
REGAIN  
CON-  
SCIOUS-  
NESS...!!

SHE  
PROBABLY  
STILL  
ISN'T  
AWAKE.



HOW I  
FEEL—

FOR  
SURE,  
THIS  
TIME.

AND  
THEN  
I'LL  
TELL  
YOU.

AND  
THEN...  
ONE  
MORE  
TIME...

...I WANT  
TO SEE  
YOU  
ALONE  
IN THE  
ACCEL-  
ERATED  
WORLD.





...TAKU  
...!!

THAT'S...

WIN  
(SHAM)

PHEW...

YOU  
CAME...!!

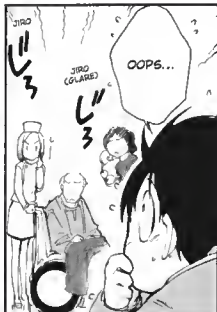


HEEEY!  
TAKUUU!!

BUN  
(CLAP) BUN  
Fuuu!!



OH...  
HE SAW  
ME.



SIGN: HOSPITAL NET AUTHENTICATION: AUTHENTICATION IS AUTOMATIC, BUT TAKES 30-45 SECONDS TO COMPLETE. PLEASE WAIT HERE UNTIL AUTHENTICATION IS COMPLETE.

SFX: SUN SUN



HE'S  
WAITING  
FOR HOS-  
PITAL NET  
AUTHENTI-  
CATION...

HM?  
OH.



IS HE  
YELLING AT  
SOMEONE  
FAR AWAY?




BUT NO  
ONE EVER  
OBEYS THAT  
NOTICE AND  
ACTUALLY  
WAITS.

I MEAN,  
PEOPLE ARE  
COMING  
UP BEHIND  
HIM AND  
WALKING  
RIGHT PAST  
HIM NOW.



HOLD.

UP.



...RAISING  
HIS  
VOICE SO  
LOUDLY IN  
A HOSPITAL  
THAT HE  
NEEDS TO  
CUP HIS  
MOUTH...?

SOME-  
THING'S  
WEIRD  
HERE.

TAKU,  
WHO IS SO  
METHODICAL  
THAT HE'D  
WAIT UNTIL  
THE AUTHEN-  
TICATION  
WAS DONE...



...HE'S TRYING  
TO HIDE THE  
WORDS HE'S  
SAYING FROM  
ME...?

THE  
WAY...

THAT  
HAND...

IT'S  
ALMOST  
LIKE...



IN WHICH CASE  
THE SUSPECT  
DOESN'T  
HAVE TO BE  
AT LINESATO  
JUNIOR HIGH.  
THEY COULD  
ANYWHERE IN  
THE WORLD.

SO THEN  
WHO  
INFECTED  
CHIYU WITH  
THE VIRUS?

BECAUSE  
SHE WAS  
EASY  
FOR THE  
PERSON  
WHO DID  
IT TO  
CONTACT.

THAT BACK  
DOOR VIRUS  
WOULD ALLOW  
ACCESS  
FROM THE  
GLOBAL NET.

BECAUSE  
CHIYU'S  
LEADER  
WAS  
INFECTED  
WITH THAT  
VIRUS.

WHY DID I  
ASSUME  
CYAN PILE  
HAD TO BE  
SOMEONE AT  
LINESATO?

THEY WERE  
CHALLENGING  
KUROYUKIHIME-  
SENPAI  
THROUGH THE  
LINESATO  
LOCAL NET  
TOO.

SOMEONE  
OUTSIDE  
SCHOOL,  
CLOSER TO  
CHIYU THAN  
ANYONE  
ELSE...SO  
CLOSE THEY  
COULD DIRECT...

SOMEONE  
MEETING  
THESE  
CONDI-  
TIONS...

**THERE'S  
ONLY  
ONE—!!**



THERE  
HE  
IS...!!

PILE

GO

BEFORE  
ACCEL-  
ERATED  
TAKU...

...HITS  
BLACK  
LOTUS  
ON THE  
LIST!!

BLACK LOTUS  
CYAN PILE

BE IN  
TIME  
—!!

DUP









TH—

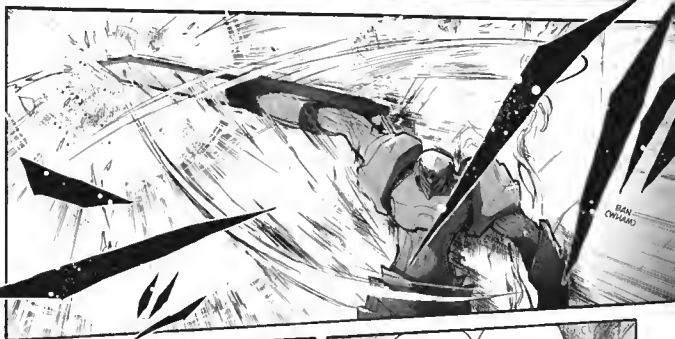
Cyan Pile

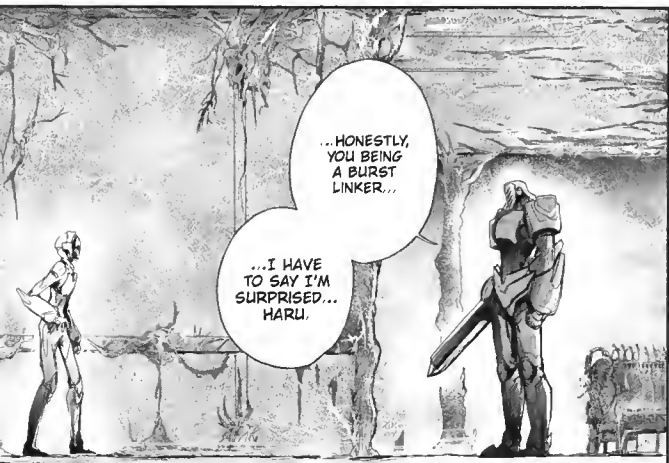
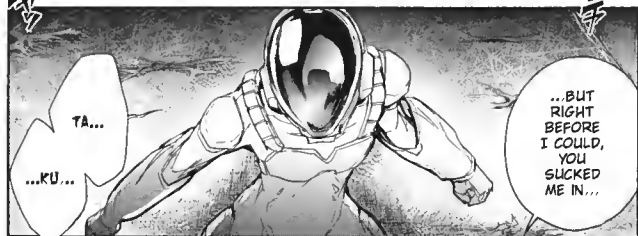


!?

WHA—

THAT'S  
TAKU...!?







...HOW WAS IT, HARU?



...YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HARD IT WAS TO KEEP MY CALM YESTERDAY.



I MEAN, BETRAYED BY MY BEST FRIEND LIKE THAT, HUH...



...WHILE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT ME!?

—YOU'RE NOT TAKU...

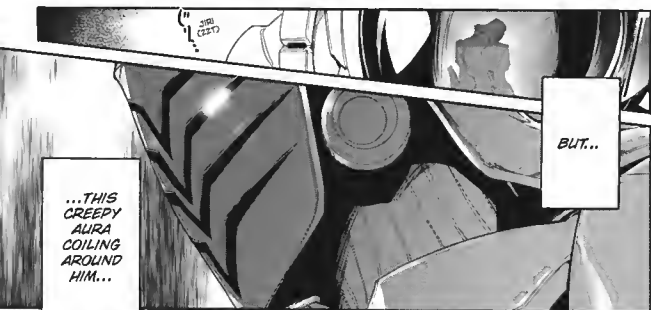


HOW'D IT FEEL DIRECTING ON CHII-CHAN'S BED?

...TOUCHING HER...

DID YOU ENJOY CHII-CHAN'S BODY...

HOW'D IT FEEL TO BE HELD BY HER?





...AND  
MADE CHYU'S  
MEMORY AND  
SENSES YOUR  
OWN PRIVATE  
PEEPSHOW!?

YOU  
INFECTED  
CHYU'S  
NEURO-  
LINKER  
WITH THAT  
VIRUS...



...I'D  
RATHER...

...YOU  
DIDN'T  
CALL IT A  
VIRUS.



...IS  
EXACTLY  
THE SAME  
AS THE  
AURA I  
FELT...

...FROM  
THE OTHER  
SIDE OF THE  
BACKDOOR  
VIRUS...!!

TAKU...  
WAS IT  
YOU...?



IT MEANS  
ACCEPTING  
WHATEVER  
HAPPENS...

...WHETHER  
IT'S SOME  
FILE GETTING  
LOOKED AT OR  
SOME PROGRAM  
GETTING  
INSTALLED.

AM I  
WRONG?



...AND DIRECTING  
MEANS OFFERING  
UP YOUR NEURO-  
LINKER TO YOUR  
PARTNER.



SO OF  
COURSE  
I DIRECT  
WITH HER.

CHII-CHAN'S  
MY GIRL-  
FRIEND.





HARU,  
I MEAN,  
YOU...

YOU DUG  
THROUGH  
CHII-CHAN'S  
MEMORY  
WITHOUT HER  
KNOWING,  
RIGHT?

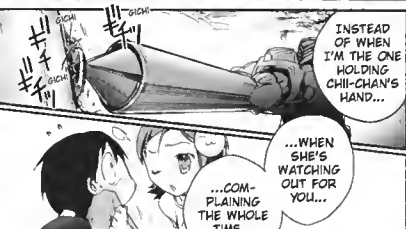
AND  
YOU'RE NOT  
EVEN HER  
BOYFRIEND  
OR ANY-  
THING...!!

Hrk...!!



HEH  
HEH...

GIRLS,  
THEY DON'T  
GET IT.



INSTEAD  
OF WHEN  
I'M THE ONE  
HOLDING  
CHII-CHAN'S  
HAND...

...WHEN  
SHE'S  
WATCHING  
OUT FOR  
YOU...

...COM-  
PLAINING  
THE WHOLE  
TIME...



YOU TAKE  
ADVANTAGE OF  
CHII-CHAN'S  
KINDNESS AND  
PLAY DIRTY...

YOU'VE  
ALWAYS  
BEEN LIKE  
THAT.

YOU'VE  
BEEN ALL,  
"POOR ME, BE  
NICE TO SAD,  
LITTLE ME."

—NOT IN WORDS,  
BUT WITH YOUR  
ATTITUDE, THE LOOK  
IN YOUR EYES...  
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE  
EVER SAID TO HER.





...SHE'S  
HAVING  
WAY MORE  
FUN...

...SHE  
LOOKS  
LIKE...



LIKE...  
LIKE YOU  
WERE IN A  
HURRY?

...YOU TOLD  
CHIIYU YOU  
LIKED HER  
TWO YEARS  
AGO?

...IS  
THAT  
WHY...



NO...  
NO!!



...SHE'D  
END UP ALL  
"YOU CAN'T  
LIVE WITHOUT  
ME, SO I'LL  
MARRY  
YOU."

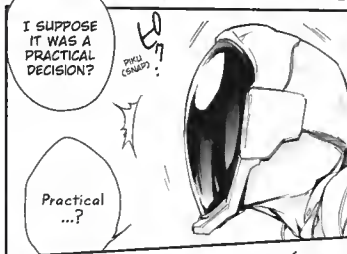
LIKE IN  
THOSE  
ANCIENT  
MANGA YOU  
KEEP AN  
ARCHIVE  
OF...

OOH...  
OR MAYBE  
YOUR  
STRATEGY  
WAS TO LEAD  
CHII-CHAN  
THERE?



NOT  
LIKE I  
WAS  
IN A  
HURRY.  
  
I WAS  
HURRY-  
ING...

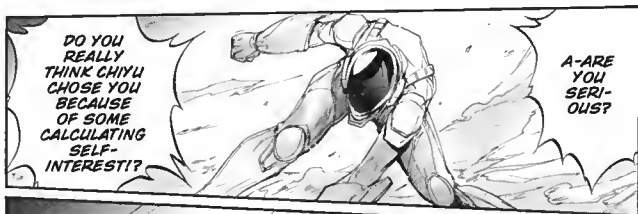
I WAS  
SURE IF  
THINGS  
KEPT  
UP LIKE  
THAT...  
  
...CHII-  
CHAN'D TRY  
TO SPEND  
THE REST  
OF HER LIFE  
WATCHING  
OUT FOR  
YOU.





...THAT'S  
HAPPINESS,  
RIGHT?

FOR A  
WOMAN...



DO YOU  
REALLY  
THINK CHIIYU  
CHOSE YOU  
BECAUSE  
OF SOME  
CALCULATING  
SELF-  
INTEREST?

A-ARE  
YOU  
SERI-  
OUS?

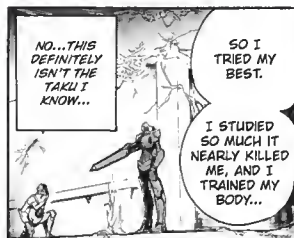


...OR  
YOU, WITH  
NOTHING  
TO OFFER...

ME—BEST  
STUDENT IN  
MY GRADE,  
KENDO  
CHAMPION...

...THAT'S  
HOW I'D  
PUT IT.

IT'S  
JUST A  
FAIR  
WAY OF  
LOOKING  
AT  
THINGS.



SO I  
TRIED MY  
BEST.

I STUDIED  
SO MUCH IT  
NEARLY KILLED  
ME, AND I  
TRAINED MY  
BODY...



PART OF  
IT IS ME  
AND CHYU,  
PROBABLY.

SOME-  
THING'S  
WARPED  
HIM...

...  
BUT  
...



...WHILE  
YOU PLAY  
YOUR DUMB  
VIDEO  
GAMES...

BUT MORE  
THAN THAT,  
WHAT'S  
CHANGED  
HIM...

...AND SLEEP  
LIKE A LITTLE  
BABY !!

...IS  
PROBA-  
BLY—



...YOU'RE  
WRONG...

...TAKU.

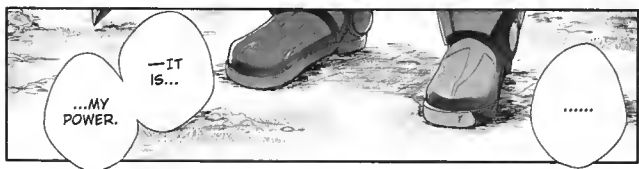


WHO  
DO YOU  
THINK...

...CAN  
MAKE  
CHII-CHAN  
HAPPY...?

...  
THEY'RE  
NOT THE  
RESULTS  
OF YOUR  
EFFORTS.

BEING  
THE BEST  
IN YOUR  
GRADE,  
WINNING  
IN  
KENDO...



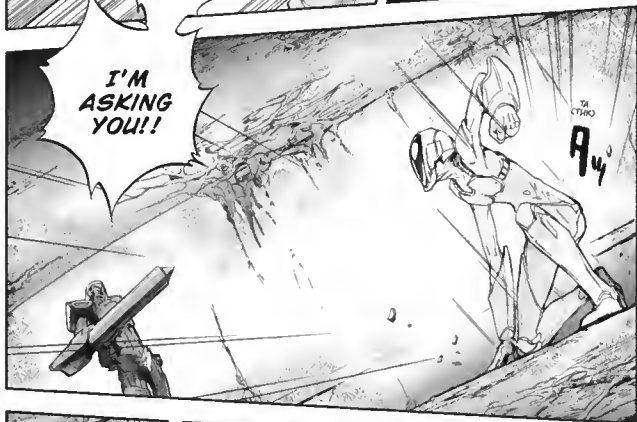


**ACCEL-  
ERATION  
IS MY  
POWER!!**

**I WAS  
THE ONE  
WITH BRAIN  
TRAINING  
SOFTWARE  
CRAMMED  
DOWN MY  
THROAT...**

**...THROUGH  
MY NEURO-  
LINKER, FROM  
THE TIME I  
WAS JUST A  
BABY UNTIL I  
WAS TOTALLY  
SICK OF IT!**

**IT'S  
MY  
POWER!!**







MY KENDO  
TEAM CAPTAIN  
IS MY  
"GUARDIAN"

...

...A CLOSE  
ASSOCIATE  
OF THE  
BLUE KING.

HE'S GOT  
HIGH HOPES  
FOR ME...I'M  
A CADET IN  
THE ROYAL  
GUARD.

AND  
YET...



AND  
YOU THINK  
YOU'RE  
MY EQUAL,  
HARU!?

...YOU'RE  
A BURST  
LINKER!?

ALL  
OF A  
SUD-  
DEN...



AND NOT  
IN THE  
ACCEL-  
ERATED  
WORLD...!!

IN GRADES,  
IN SPORTS, IN  
CHII-CHAN'S  
HEART.

YOU  
CAN'T  
BEAT  
ME.

IT'S  
NO  
GOOD...  
HARU.

3AKI  
(CEREB)

...I'LL  
HELP YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND.

MY  
POWER...

I'LL TEACH  
THAT PATHETIC  
DUEL AVATAR  
OF YOURS....!!

# CHAPTER

#07

I'LL  
HELP YOU  
UNDER-  
STAND...

GAHA  
(KREBO)

HA  
HA  
HA

...MY  
POWER...

I'LL TEACH  
THAT PATHETIC  
DUEL AVATAR  
OF YOURS....!!

TAKU'S  
SERIOUS  
....!!

.....  
NGH!!



—BUT...

YOU HAVE  
EVERYTHING  
I DON'T.

YOU'RE  
GOOD AT  
SCHOOL AND  
SPORTS,  
AND YOU  
LOOK COOL  
TOO.

TAKU...  
YOU  
REALLY ARE  
AMAZING.



DID YOU  
FORGET?  
HAVE YOU  
EVER...

...IN YOUR  
LIFE BEATEN  
ME AT ANY  
GAME!?



HARU...



...YOU...

...CAN'T  
BEAT  
ME!!



IN THAT  
CASE...

...YOU'RE  
ABOUT TO  
LOSE THE  
VERY LAST  
THING YOU  
CAN BE  
PROUD  
OF!!



DRAW HIS  
ATTACK TO  
THE  
VERY  
EDGE...

...THEN  
SLIP  
THROUGH,  
RIGHT  
BY HIS  
SIDE!!



CYAN PILE'S  
A BLUE,  
CLOSE-  
RANGE  
TYPE—I'M  
AT A DISAD-  
VANTAGE IN  
THIS CLOSED  
SPACE!!

I'VE  
GOTTA GET  
OUTSIDE—  
TO AN  
ENTRANCE  
...!!





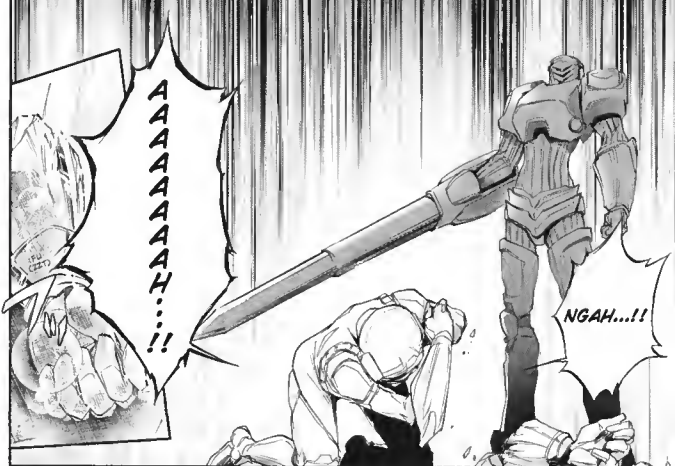


BAKIN  
(GNAP)

WHA  
—!?

HE  
SHOT A  
STAKE!?





IS THIS  
THE  
DIFFER-  
ENCE IN  
POWER  
BETWEEN  
LEVEL  
ONE AND  
LEVEL  
FOUR...!?





I CAN'T...  
THERE'S  
NO GAP TO  
SLIP BY HIS  
SIDE....!!

YOU  
READY?

HARU.

AND ON  
TOP OF  
THAT, THE  
REACH OF  
THAT PILE  
BEING  
SHOT  
OUT...!!



WHAT?

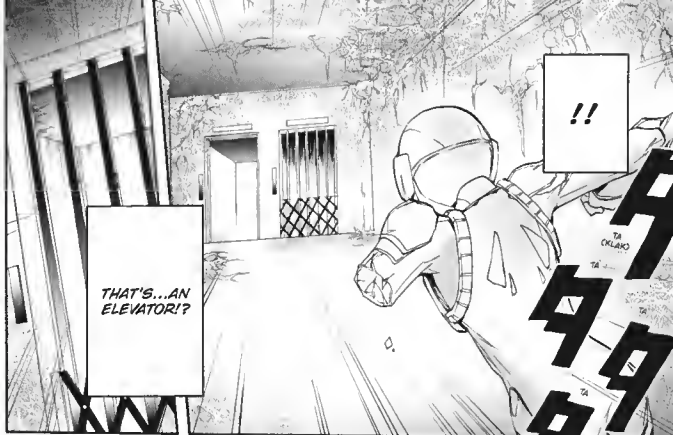
RUNNING  
AWAY SO  
SOON?



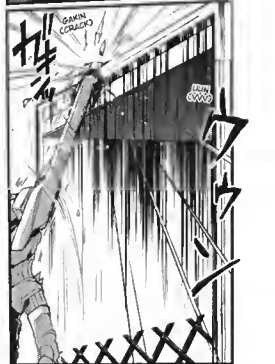
SOME-  
WHERE  
OPEN  
AND  
WIDE...!!

SOME-  
WHERE—











oooo  
(wind)

WH-  
WHAT'S  
THIS...?



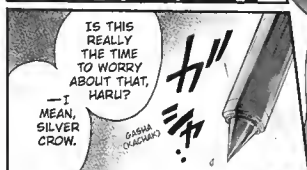
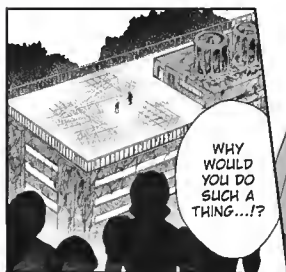
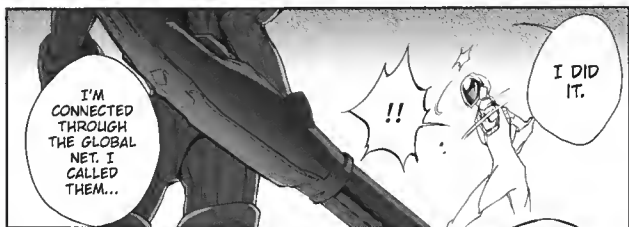
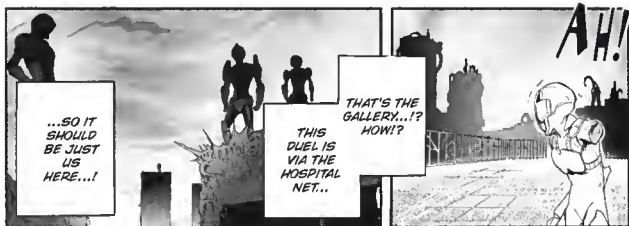
THIS  
BIZARRE  
SCENE...!!

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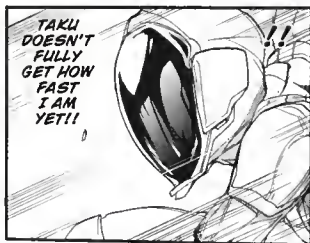
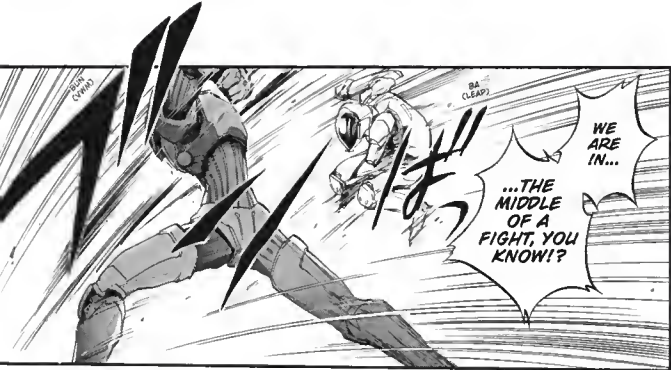
SO  
THIS  
IS...

...A  
PURGATORY  
STAGE...?













NGH!!

BEFORE  
TAKU'S EYES  
GET USED TO  
MY MOVE-  
MENTS...

YOU...!!

...I HAVE  
TO BEAT  
HIM  
BACK!!

DOGO  
(THWAP)

JAKI  
(ZREB)



BA  
(LEAP)

BUN  
(VWING)

ENOUGH!!



ZA  
(CLUNG)

...ARE  
TOTALLY  
USELESS  
.....!!

...LITTLE  
TRICKS  
LIKE  
THAT...



GESHA  
(CARBIDE)

HEH! I  
GUESS...



...YOU REALLY  
ARE GOOD  
AT GAMES...  
HARU.

...BUT...



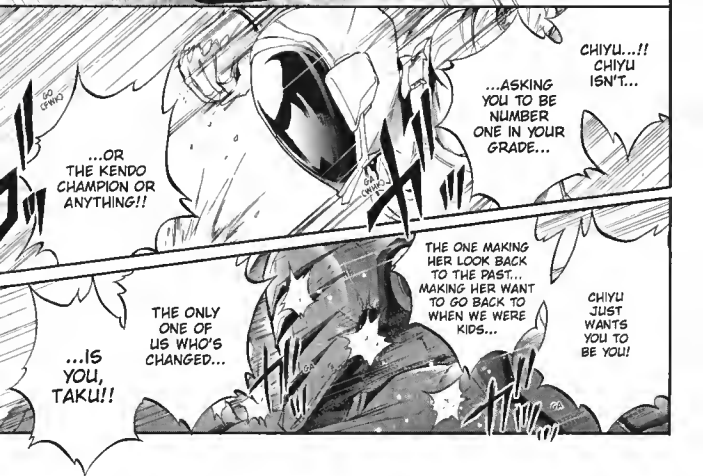
GOOH  
KTHUXO



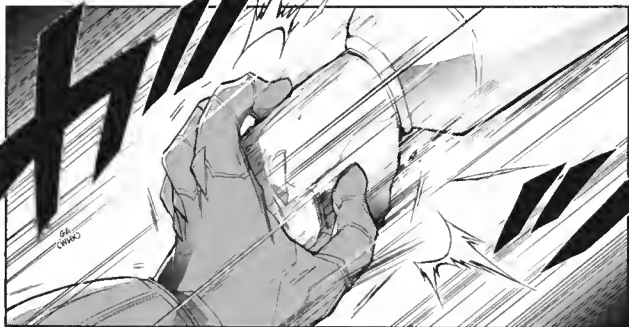
GURA  
CRUMBBLEY



AUGH!









**...GET SO  
CARRIED  
AWAAAY!!**





**SPLASH  
STINGERR-  
RRR!!**









I GOT  
IT! YOUR  
LEG!!

AH-HA!

CRAP...  
CRAP!!

AH-HA-  
HA-HA  
HA-HA!!



FORGET  
ATTACK-  
ING  
HIM...

...I CAN'T  
EVEN DODGE  
HIM...!!

YOU'RE  
SO  
BRITTLE!!

AH-  
HA-  
HA!

ARE YOU  
REALLY  
A METAL  
COLOR!?

HA  
HA!



I CAN'T...  
THERE'S  
NO WAY I  
CAN LOSE  
HERE!!

I HAVE TO  
PROTECT  
HER.

SENPAI....!!



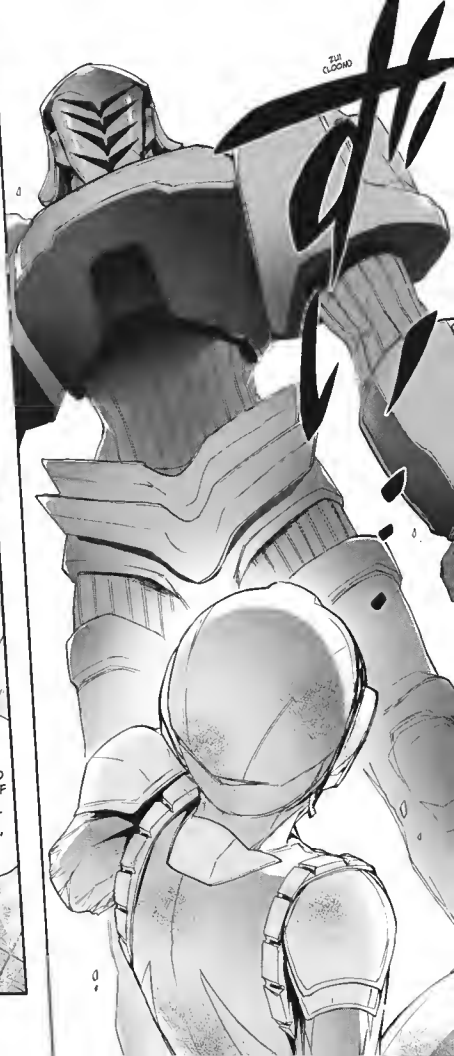


...YOU  
HERE  
LIKE  
THIS, IT  
SUITS  
YOU.



AND  
YOU EVEN  
MANAGED TO  
GET A LOT OF  
STUFF OFF  
YOUR CHEST  
BACK THERE,  
HUH?

ALMOST  
LIKE YOU'RE  
THE ONLY  
PERSON WHO  
UNDERSTANDS  
CHII-CHAN?



TUI  
CLOON







**SPIRAL  
GRAVITY  
DRIIIIIIVER  
!!**



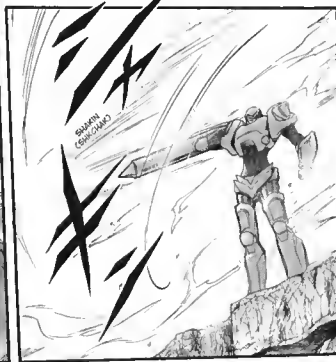
SHALL  
WE PUT  
AN END  
TO THIS...

...HARU?

—ALL  
OF IT.

PTA  
(FOEB2)

LO  
A..



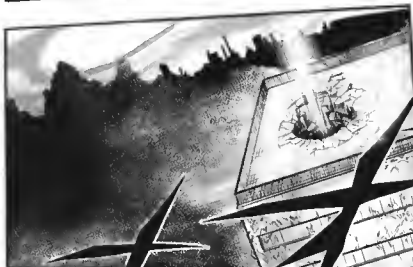
...I CAN GET  
TO MY REAL  
MISSION,  
THE **BOSS**  
BATTLE...!!

AND ONCE  
I'M DONE  
HERE...



WE  
ONLY HAVE  
FIVE MINUTES  
OR SO. IT'LL BE  
TIME UP BEFORE  
I CAN COME FIND  
YOU AND FINISH  
YOU OFF.

WELL,  
WHAT-  
EVER.





I HOPE  
YOU SAW,  
ALL OF YOU  
WATCHING!

SO!



I CAN STILL  
BE OF GREAT  
USE...!

ESPE-  
CIALLY ALL  
OF YOU IN  
THE BLUE  
LEGION!!

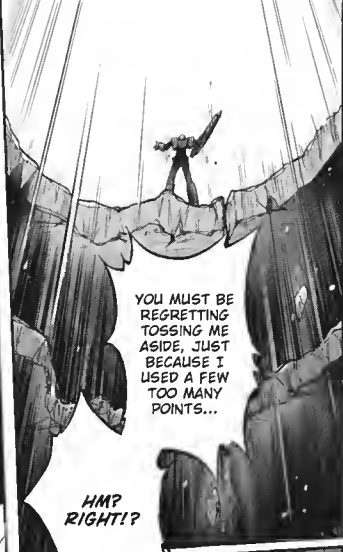


I MEAN, I  
CAN DEFINITELY  
FIGHT IN THE  
UNLIMITED  
FIELD ABOVE  
THIS...!



TAKU...

YOU...



YOU MUST BE  
REGRETTING  
TOSsing ME  
ASIDE, JUST  
BECAUSE I  
USED A FEW  
TOO MANY  
POINTS...

HM?  
RIGHT!?



AND—

FOR  
TAKU...

AND  
FOR  
CHIYU'S  
SAKE...

FOR  
ME...

I ABSO-  
LUTELY  
HAVE TO  
WIN...

BUT  
THIS IS A  
BATTLE  
I CAN'T  
LOSE.





...FOR HER  
SAKE—

MORE  
THAN  
ANYONE  
ELSE...



KUROYUKIHIME-  
SEN...PAI...



RIGHT...  
SO THIS  
IS THE  
NANO-  
MACHINE  
ROOM...

...IN THE  
REAL  
WORLD...







WITH YOUR  
WORDS...  
YOUR LOVE,  
I COULD  
CHANGE...

I  
THOUGHT  
I COULD  
CHANGE...

SO  
(SSP)



I...

I  
COULDN'T  
SAVE  
YOU...

I  
COULDN'T  
LIVE UP  
TO YOUR  
EXPECTA-  
TIONS.



PO  
(PLAP)



BUT...

...I  
COULDN'T...

POTA  
H/O  
A

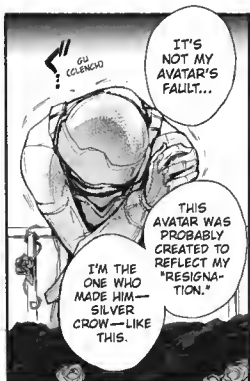
POTA  
(PLAP)  
H/O  
A



...EYES  
ALWAYS  
ON THE  
GROUND...

ME, NEVER  
TRYING TO  
LOOK UP...

...LIVING MY  
LIFE ON MY  
HANDS AND  
KNEES...



GU  
COLENGO

I'M THE  
ONE WHO  
MADE HIM—  
SILVER  
CROW—LIKE  
THIS.

THIS  
AVATAR WAS  
PROBABLY  
CREATED TO  
REFLECT MY  
"RESIGNA-  
TION."

IT'S  
NOT MY  
AVATAR'S  
FAULT...



HIGH UP  
IN THE SKY  
WHERE YOU  
WERE LIGHTLY  
FLAPPING  
YOUR WINGS...

...WHERE  
YOU  
WERE...

I  
WANTED  
TO GO...



...FLY...

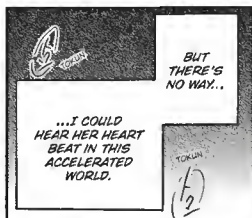
—I  
WANTED  
TO...



WITH  
YOU...

ESCAPING  
THE SWAMP  
OF THE REAL  
WORLD...

HIGH  
UP, FAR  
AWAY...



STRENGTH  
ISN'T JUST  
WINNING...

IT'S ALSO  
FIGHTING  
ITSELF...

FALLING  
DOWN  
AND STILL  
LOOKING  
UP AT THE  
SKY...!!

...BY NO MEANS  
SIMPLY A WORD  
INDICATING  
VICTORY.

R-RIGHT...

STRENGTH  
IS...



THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
ISN'T IT...  
SENPAI!?!?

I'M...

I'M STILL  
STANDING  
...!!

I CAN  
STILL...

...FIGHT!!

DOUL  
(TYROB)

KA  
(BRAND)

!?

MY  
BACK  
...!!

NGAH!!

SO  
HOT!!  
INSIDE  
MY  
BODY.....

SAKIN  
CORAZAO

A  
A  
A  
H!!

WHAT!?

...SWORD!?

IT'S  
A...





**!?**  
**IT'S**  
**NOT!!**

**IT'S**  
**NOT A**  
**WEAPON!!**  
**— THESE**  
**ARE...**

**WINGS!!**



# CHAPTER

#08



SO  
HOT!

A BALL OF  
ENERGY  
WHIRLING  
AROUND  
LIKE A  
VORTEX...!



**I  
CAN'T—**

**I CAN'T  
STAND  
IT ANY-  
MORE—!!**





OTUA  
OPRONEGO

!?





WH—

WHAT  
THE...!?

BASA  
(CLAP)

AH...

AAAAH  
...!!

KRUDDO  
(WOOD)



**...IS  
INFINITE  
.....!!**

**THIS  
WORLD...**



IN THE  
SKY...HE'S  
PERFECTLY  
STILL!?

HE'S  
NOT...  
HE'S NOT  
FALLING!?



...RU.....



HA...



THE  
ABILITY TO  
FLY.....!?

THAT  
CAN'T  
BE...



WE NEED  
TO GET  
SOME  
INFO—

AAAAAAAAAH!!!

IT...  
IT  
FINALLY  
SHOWED  
UP!

A FLYING  
AVATAR!!

WHAT'S HIS  
LEGION!?  
WHO'S HIS  
GUARDIAN!?

WH-  
WHATEVER!  
WE NEED TO  
CONTACT THE  
HEAD OFFICE!  
YOU, LOGOUT  
AND TELL  
THEM!!

YOU GOTTA  
BE KIDDING!  
YOU THINK  
I'M GONNA  
MISS THIS!?





TAKU...

THEY'RE  
MY  
NORMAL  
ATTACKS,  
BUT  
THEY'RE  
ALSO...

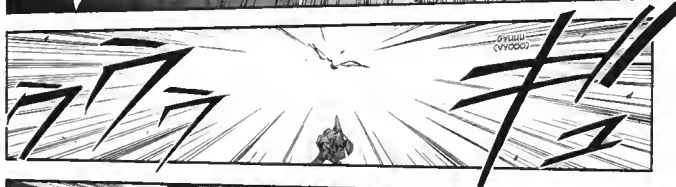
PUNCH,  
KICK...

NOW I  
GET IT!!

...SPECIAL  
ATTACKS!!

...MY...





AAAAAAH!!

COME...  
DOOOOOO-  
OOOWN!!

GILL  
(KREED)





DOO  
(BOOM)

**LIGHTNING  
TWIN  
SPIKES!!**

GOOO  
(KIRRR)

**AS FAR  
AS I  
CAN GO...  
FASTER!!**

**THE SOUND  
OF THE  
WIND'S  
EVEN  
SHARPER...  
MORE!!**

KIRRI  
(SKREEE)



**I SEE  
IT!!**

GYUN  
CVVWNO

!!!?





GO  
CRASH

GO  
CRASH

GAH!!!

NO!!!



BIKU  
(GASP)

HRK...

KEH...



!!!

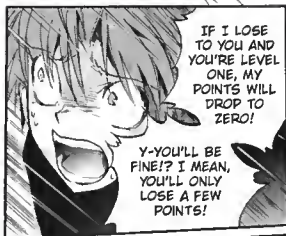
AH

KIRIN  
(GROAN)

I'M...  
FLY...  
ING...!!

\*\*\*\*\*  
WHOA...!!









**BE MY  
ALLY.**

**WE'RE  
EQUALS.**

**SO—  
TAKU.**



**BLACK  
LOTUS...  
SHE'S THE  
BIGGEST  
TRAITOR  
IN THE AC-  
CELERATED  
WORLD!!**

**YOU HAVE  
TO KNOW  
THIS TOO,  
HARU.**

**IDIOT...!!**



**.....!!**

**SHE'S  
GOING  
TO TAKE  
DOWN THE  
SIX KINGS  
OF PURE  
COLOR.**

**YOU'RE  
RIGHT,  
SHE IS.**

**I MEAN...  
TO FIGHT  
ON HER  
SIDE—**



**ALLY?**

**FIGHT  
AS HER  
SERVANT  
FROM  
NOW ON,  
LIKE ME.**

**YEAH,  
ALLY.**



NO NEED  
TO BE  
SURPRISED.  
YOU SEE...

...THAT'S  
HOW  
GAMES...

...ARE  
SUPPOSED  
TO BE,  
RIGHT?



AFTER I  
BROKE THE  
RULES OF  
THE LEGION  
I BELONG  
TO...

...BROKE  
THE RULES  
OF BRAIN  
BURST...

YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
TRUST  
ME?

...AND...  
BETRAYED  
BOTH OF MY  
FRIENDS?



.....  
HARU...  
WOULD YOU  
REALLY  
TRUST ME?

...AFTER  
EVERYTHING  
I'VE DONE...

LIKE,  
IF I SAID  
YEAH RIGHT  
NOW...



THE TWO  
OF US WILL  
TELL CHIYU  
ABOUT...

—WE'LL  
TELL HER  
EVERY-  
THING...

...TAKU.



...AND...  
ALL THE  
FEELINGS  
YOU AND I  
HAVE BEEN  
HIDING.

...BRAIN  
BURST...

...US  
FIGHTING...

...PROBABLY  
HAVE TO START  
THERE.

WE...



UNTIL  
NOW...THE  
THREE OF  
US...

...HAVE  
BEEN HIDING  
THINGS WE  
SHOULDN'T  
BE.

WE'VE BEEN  
SUSPICIOUS  
OF STUFF WE  
DIDN'T HAVE  
TO BE.

SOMEWHERE...  
WE HAVE TO  
START OVER.....



SHE'LL  
YELL  
AND GET  
MAD...

TAKU...

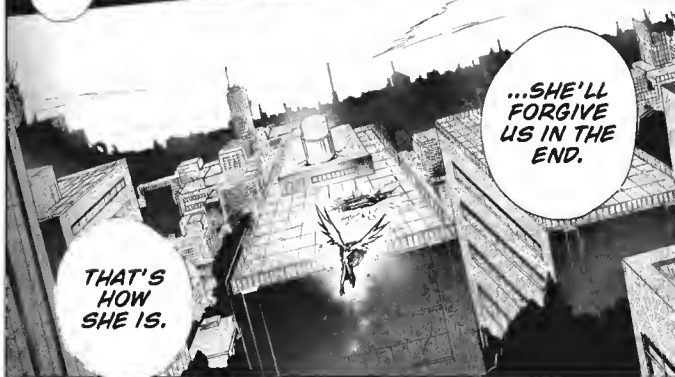
YEAH...  
SHE'LL  
PROBABLY  
BE SO MAD,  
SHE'LL KILL  
US.

AFTER  
WHAT I DID  
TO CHI-CHAN'S  
NEUROLINKER...

START  
OVER...

YOU  
REALLY  
THINK WE  
CAN,  
HARU?

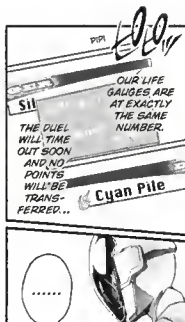
...BUT...



...SHE'LL  
FORGIVE  
US IN THE  
END.

THAT'S  
HOW  
SHE IS.



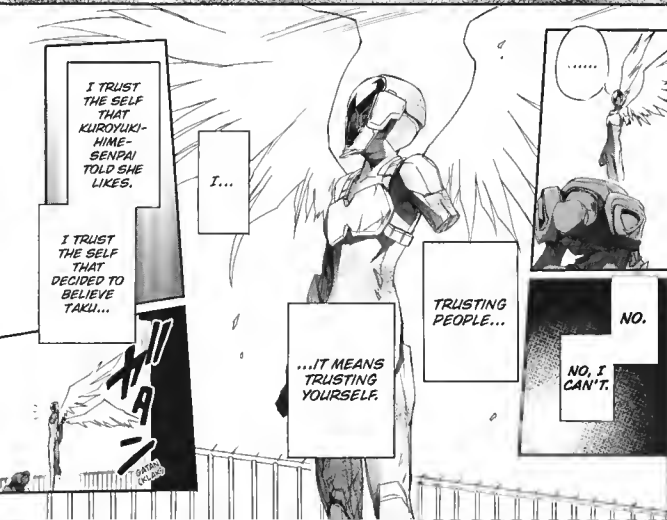


...AND COME  
AFTER  
SENPAI...?

SHOULD I  
HAVE MADE  
COMPLETELY  
SURE WE  
COULDN'T  
BREAK HIS  
PROMISE  
AFTER THIS...

SHOULD I  
HAVE SHOWN  
NO MERCY  
AND DROPPED  
TAKU TO THE  
GROUND?

DID I...  
MAKE A  
MISTAKE?



I TRUST  
THE SELF  
THAT  
KUIROYUKI-  
HIME-  
SENPAI  
TOLD SHE  
LIKES.

I TRUST  
THE SELF  
THAT  
DECIDED TO  
BELIEVE  
TAKU...

I...

TRUSTING  
PEOPLE...

...IT MEANS  
TRUSTING  
YOURSELF.

NO.

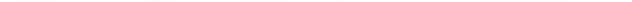
NO, I  
CAN'T.



!!  
AH...  
AAAAH....!!

KUROYUKI-  
HIME-  
SENPAI....!!








THE TIME  
WHEN...I MUST  
ALSO EMERGE  
FROM MY SAFE  
COCCOON AND  
AIM FOR THE  
SKY AGAIN.

—IT  
SEEMS  
THE TIME  
HAS COME.



ON MORE  
THAN ONE  
OCCASION, I  
SULLIED DUELS  
WITH YOU,  
DUELS THAT  
SHOULD HAVE  
BEEN FULL OF  
HONOR.

IF YOU WISH  
IT—I WILL  
ENGAGE YOU  
WITH ALL MY  
MIGHT.

CYAN  
PILE.

I'VE  
WRONGED  
YOU, HM?

Huh...?



...TRUE  
FORM.

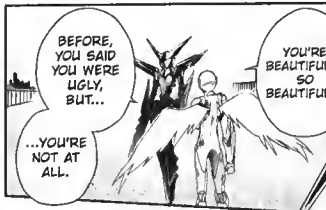
MY...



SHALL I  
SHOW YOU  
NOW?









**BLACK  
LOTUS!!**

**THE  
BLACK  
KING!!**



**SHE'S  
ALIVE.....!!**

**IT  
CAN'T  
BE...**

**THAT'S...  
THAT  
DUEL  
AVATAR!!**

**W H O O A A A !!**



PERHAPS  
YOU COULD  
FLY AWAY  
WITH ME?





**...HAS  
COME!!**

**THE  
TIME TO  
FIGHT...**



**HEAR  
ME!!**

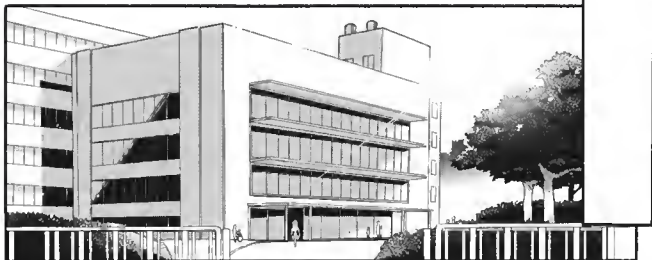
**YOU BURST  
LINKERS  
BEFORE ME,  
LEGIONS  
OF THE SIX  
KINGS!!**

**...COME  
FORTH FROM  
BEHIND THE  
VEIL OF  
OBSCURITY  
TO DESTROY  
THIS FALSE  
PEACE!!**

**TAKE  
OUT YOUR  
SWORDS!!  
CALL UP YOUR  
FLAMES!!**

**MY NAME  
IS BLACK  
LOTUS!!**

**I AM THE  
ONE WHO  
FOUGHT  
AGAINST  
THE RULE  
OF THE  
USURPER  
KINGS!**



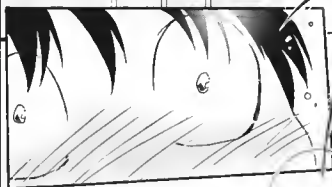
TODAY—THIS  
IS THE DAY  
SENPAI MOVES  
FROM THE ICU  
TO A GENERAL  
WARD.

UH...  
LET'S  
SEE...









HARUYUKI-  
KUN.

...HEY,  
IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE.



THEY  
SMELL  
WONDER-  
FUL...

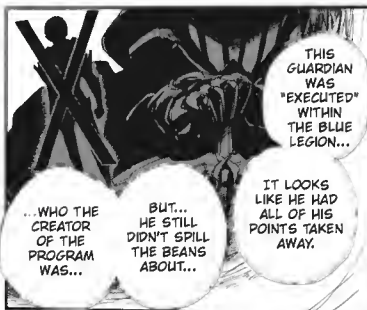
BLACK  
LOTUS,  
HM?

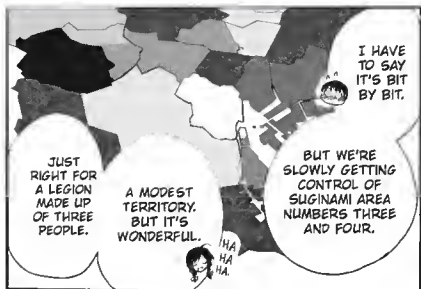


THANKS.

UH...  
UH-HUH!

UH...UM,  
HERE...





JUST  
RIGHT FOR  
A LEGION  
MADE UP  
OF THREE  
PEOPLE.

A MODEST  
TERRITORY.  
BUT IT'S  
WONDERFUL.

HA  
HA  
HA.

BUT WE'RE  
SLOWLY GETTING  
CONTROL OF  
SUGINAMI AREA  
NUMBERS THREE  
AND FOUR.

I HAVE  
TO SAY  
IT'S BIT  
BY BIT.



SO HOW  
IS IT? MY  
LEGION.

RIGHT...  
WELL...



...NEGA  
NEBULUS.

—HER  
SPECTACULAR  
PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
RETURN OF  
THE LEGION...

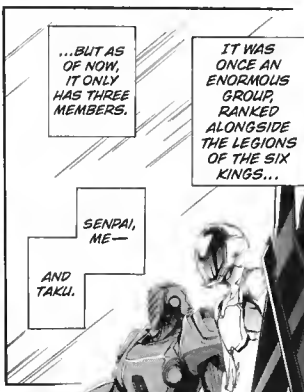


YOU'RE  
REALLY  
DOING WELL,  
GIVEN THE  
SITUATION.

ALTHOUGH  
I WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO APPEAR  
ON THE  
FRONTLINE  
ANYTIME  
SOON.

RIGHT...

IM-  
MEDIATELY  
AFTER THAT  
SHOWDOWN  
THREE  
WEEKS  
AGO—



...BUT AS  
OF NOW,  
IT ONLY  
HAS THREE  
MEMBERS.

SENPAI,  
ME—

AND  
TAKU.

IT WAS  
ONCE AN  
ENORMOUS  
GROUP,  
RANKED  
ALONGSIDE  
THE LEGIONS  
OF THE SIX  
KINGS...



...CHIYU  
WAS TONS  
ANGRIER  
THAN I  
EXPECTED.

WE'RE  
THROUGH  
FOR-  
EVER!!

I HATE  
BOTH OF  
YOU!!

WHEN WE  
SPILLED  
THE  
DETAILS  
OF THE  
BACKDOOR  
VIRUS...



THE TWO  
OF US  
WENT TO  
CHIYU'S  
PLACE.

WE  
CONFESSED  
EVERY-  
THING.



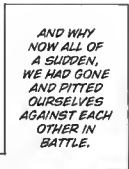
SHE  
WOULDN'T  
TALK TO US  
ALL OF  
THE NEXT  
WEEK...  
BUT...

...MAYBE  
SHE MADE  
ALLOWANCES  
IN HER OWN  
WAY FOR  
TAKU'S  
FEELINGS.

SHE FORGAVE  
US ON THE  
CONDITION  
THAT WE TREAT  
HER TO ALL  
THE FINEST  
PARFAITS SHE  
COULD EAT.



THE REASON TAKU  
TOLD CHIYU HE  
LIKED HER TWO  
YEARS AGO...  
WHY HE HAD  
BEEN GRADUALLY  
PRESSED AGAINST  
A WALL SINCE  
THEN...



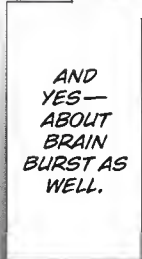
AND WHY  
NOW ALL OF  
A SUDDEN,  
WE HAD GONE  
AND PITTED  
OURSELVES  
AGAINST EACH  
OTHER IN  
BATTLE.



...AT LEAST  
ONE THING  
IS CERTAIN.

IT'S PROBABLY  
GOING TO TAKE  
SOME TIME  
STILL FOR THE  
AWKWARDNESS  
TO GO AWAY...

...BUT...



AND  
YES—  
ABOUT  
BRAIN  
BURST AS  
WELL.



WE'LL  
GAIN COM-  
PANIONS  
GRADU-  
ALLY AND  
SLOWLY  
EXPAND  
OUR  
AREA.

THERE'S  
NO  
NEED TO  
HURRY.

RIGHT.

WE'RE  
BEST  
PART-  
NERS—

...STAND  
SIDE BY  
SIDE AND  
FIGHT IN  
THE SAME  
LEGION.

NOW SILVER  
CROW AND  
CYAN PILE...

...ME AND  
TAKU ARE  
REALLY  
BEST  
FRIENDS.

IT TOOK  
TEN  
YEARS,  
AND  
FINALLY...

...WE  
HAVE THE  
RELATIONSHIP  
CHIYU  
WANTED—NO,  
SOMETHING  
MORE THAN  
THAT.



HERE.



OH...  
RIGHT.



I WAS  
HANGING  
ONTO THIS  
FOR YOU.

I'LL  
GIVE IT  
BACK.

HM?

NOTEBOOK: AGENDA







TAG: FOR KUROYUKI-HIME-SENPAI





...I JUST  
GLANCED  
IN IT ONCE,  
AT THE  
START...

OH!  
I...

I THOUGHT  
YOU LOOKED IN  
MY AGENDA?

YOU...



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HA.

—GOOD-  
NESS.



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FLUKE

WELL  
THEN...LET'S  
INTRODUCE  
OURSELVES  
ANEW, SHALL  
WE?

...THAT SAID,  
THERE'S  
NOT SUCH A  
DIFFERENCE  
FROM MY  
NICKNAME.

**MY  
NAME  
IS...**



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